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THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE

TRUSTEES OF SHAW UNIVERSITY

AND THE

SECRETARY OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST  
HOME MISSION SOCIETY

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

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RALEIGH, N. C., *August 1, 1903.*

DEAR BRETHREN: I herewith submit to you my Ninth Annual Report which is the thirty-eighth since the establishment of the Institution. The enrollment for the year ended May 31st was 490, a substantial increase over that of the preceding year. On account of limited accommodations, we were obliged to refuse during October, November and a part of December, at least 150 applicants. It would be an easy matter, if we had the room, to increase the annual enrollment in a few years to one thousand.

The year financially has been on the whole quite satisfactory on account of the gift from Mr. Rockefeller to make up a large portion of the deficit in the Medical Department. You will see by the financial report appended herewith that there is a deficit of \$540.08. The actual deficit is much larger, but on account of the system of bookkeeping whereby the receipts and expenses of all the Departments are kept together instead of separately, the real deficit, though it is impossible to get at it exactly, must be not less than \$2,000. Last year's prices of groceries, fuel and other supplies have continued and have made it necessary to exercise the utmost economy as well as impossible to provide apparatus, maps, etc., etc., that were needed in the various departments. It will interest you to learn that the students have paid their bills more promptly and satisfactorily than in any previous year. On May 31st, the last day of the fiscal year, there were less than \$200 due in all departments. And I hope that we can make a better showing than this at the close of the next fiscal year.

The Cooking School will be in operation near the beginning of the next session. It was not possible to open up this department last year, for the necessary funds could not be obtained.

The heating plant was put into operation December 1, 1902, and has proved very satisfactory and economical. This gift of Mr. Rockefeller has been greatly appreciated. The installation of the heating plant has been one of the most notable improvements of the

year. Aside from the erection and equipment of the central plant, Shaw and Estey Halls were provided with pipes and radiators and the large supply mains were extended through the basement of the Chapel and administration building, so that these buildings can at any time be fitted up at a comparatively small expense. Through the generosity of Mr. H. K. Porter of Pittsburg, the heating system was extended in the month of May to the Medical Dormitory. On the last day of May it was finally tested and found satisfactory, and the work accepted.

A fence has been built around two sides of the Missionary Training School lot and the well filled up. Last summer the city water was carried into the main building of the Missionary Training School and later on it was introduced into the tenement houses and the Women's Home near by. The walls and ceilings of the Medical Dormitory have all been repaired and kalsomined and water introduced on each floor. This building is now in good condition. The operating room, on which work was begun last year, has been completed. A fence has been built along the east line of the lot of the Leonard Medical School. The interior of the hospital has been painted and whitewashed. The fence on the west and south sides of the Shaw Campus has been strengthened and along the east side it has been entirely rebuilt and repainted. The basement of the carpenter shop has been thoroughly overhauled, subdrained and a substantial brick floor laid. This will be used as a paint shop and also for storage purposes. A new platform was built in front of the carpenter shop. There is no indebtedness for these improvements. The institution at the present writing is entirely out of debt with the exception of a few hundred dollars borrowed, as has been the custom for years, in anticipation of receipts, for the purchase of fuel. Substantial and permanent improvements have been made in Shaw Hall. The entrance on the North side has been entirely removed. This made it possible for an additional school room in the basement which has been fitted up and made ready for use. The hall in the rear of the old entrance has been converted into a well lighted and commodious dormitory room that will comfortably accommodate four or six men. The stairway on the south side of Shaw Hall, near the west end, has been removed, and this space has been utilized for dormitory rooms. When the much needed veranda is built on the west end of Shaw, ample facility for exit in case of fire will be pro-

vided. At the present writing, the laundry is being improved by the addition of a new substantial floor and the whitewashing of the walls and ceiling. In the basement of the Chapel, under the kitchen, there is being fitted up a store room, the walls and ceiling of which will be either brick or iron. This will provide against loss of provisions from rats.

It is important that an additional fire escape be placed upon Estey Hall. The Medical Dormitory should be similarly equipped. The office is crowded and inadequate for the demands made upon it. I would respectfully request that a building for office purposes be erected so that there may be facilities to do the work required and that the present Administration Building may be used as was originally intended as a home for the President and his family and guests and some of the teachers.

There is an urgent demand for a larger and better Hospital and a Training School for nurses. There are frequent inquiries from young men who wish to enter a Dental School. It is important that steps should be taken at an early date to add a Department of Dentistry. I think this can be done at comparatively small expense. There are capable dentists in the city who would be glad to assist in establishing and conducting such a department. I regret that I cannot inform you that there has been a large and substantial increase in the number of books in our library the past year. The library is small and inadequate and does not begin to meet the demands made upon it by our faculty and students. There should be provided at an early date a Laboratory for the Literary Department. I again call your attention to the need of a Chemical and Biological Laboratory for the Medical Department. The most urgent need of all is an increase in our teaching force in the Normal, Industrial and College Departments. Teachers cannot be expected to do good work with classes as large as we had last year, especially when there are so many and constant demands made upon us for teachers for the public schools. I am today in receipt of a letter from the Superintendent of Schools in one of the thriving towns of North Carolina, in which he asks me to send him several competent teachers, and I have only one in mind to recommend.

You will be interested to learn that the Slater appropriation which has for several years been \$2,500, has been increased to \$3,000 on condition that we will raise \$500 additional. You will

call to mind that last year I reported a large deficit in the Law Department and suggested the possibility of the closing up of this department. The class during the past year was one of the largest we have had, and this department closes the year in a better financial condition than before on account of the increased size of the class and a satisfactory financial arrangement with Prof. E. A. Johnson, the Dean.

The moral and religious welfare of the student body is of the highest importance and this has been fully realized by every member of the faculty. Scholarship, without morality and Christianity, is power without a directing and controlling principle. It is gratifying to know that this belief is so generally held by Shaw graduates and students. The religious life and atmosphere of the institution is prized by them and frequently referred to as the most valuable feature of life at the University. Scholarship is not however sacrificed, for thirty-one graduates were sent out at the April and May commencements. The Y. M. C. A., the temperance society, the literary societies and prayer meetings have been well sustained. With very few exceptions, the entire student body are professed Christians.

The character and conduct of the students has been very satisfactory throughout the entire year. On one or two occasions, when there were violations of rules, the students generally by their words and conduct expressed their disapproval so effectively that the offenders thought it best to take their departure quietly and suddenly.

At the present time, when race prejudice is so strong and attention is so constantly called to the shortcomings of some members of the race, I wish to put on record my belief which is derived from my own personal experience and observation. The statement is frequently seen in the press that nearly all colored women are lewd and that practically all colored people will steal and lie and that they generally condone these evils. I have been in constant touch with young people since 1869: From 1869-1889 in Massachusetts and Maine, with the best white youth; from 1889-1894 with Indian youth in Kansas and for nearly a decade with colored young men and women at Shaw University. I have found the students at Shaw almost without exception clean, pure-minded men and women, obedient and of earnest purpose. They compare favorably with



any body of students I have known in other places. Violation of the rules of the institution have received the condemnation of the major portion of the student body and this has been more marked even on the part of the young women than the young men, though it was shared by practically all. On a certain occasion, the young women believed that one of their number was not of good character and they ostracized her. The faculty made a thorough investigation and found that at the very worst the young woman had been imprudent and so stated to the young women at the evening devotions. It was only after the young woman in question had publicly asked the pardon of her fellow students that the incident could be considered closed. I have dwelt at length upon the moral character of our students because you ought to know that Shaw is training and sending out into the world men and women of good moral and Christian character who are not violating the commandments of God or the ordinances of men.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

I append herewith my financial report that has been forwarded to Mr. Frank T. Moulton, Treas. A comparison with last year's report will show quite an increase in receipts as well as expenditures. If we add to the total receipts the gift of Mr. Rockefeller to establish the heating plant and the gift of Mr. Porter for its extension to the Medical Dormitory, you will see that the total receipts for the year were more than \$55,000.

### MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

#### RECEIPTS.

Tuition.....	\$1814.00
Board.....	5058.76
Contributions .....	1083.35
Old Accounts.....	205.50
Slater Fund.....	1000.00
J W Leonard Fund.....	175.00
Sundries .....	305.38
	<hr/> \$9641.99

#### EXPENDITURES.

School Supplies.....	201.49
Boarding Department.....	47.96
Repairs.....	1130.17
Student Labor.....	17.00
Salaries:	
James McKee.....	\$650.00
A. W. Knox.....	650.00
K. P. Battle.....	650.00
W. I. Royster.....	650.00
R. H. Lewis.....	325.00
J. M. Pickel.....	650.00
A. W. Goodwin.....	650.00
Hospital Nurse.....	176.00
Janitor Service.....	196.75
	<hr/> 4597.75
Sundries:	
Dissecting Material, Diplomas, Printing,	
Traveling Expenses, etc., Rebates.....	675.42
	<hr/> 6669.79
Surplus.....	2972.20
	<hr/> \$9641.99

## PHARMACY DEPARTMENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Tuition.....	\$420.00
Board .....	528.00
Contributions.....	50.00
Old Accounts.....	98.79
	<hr/> \$1096.79

## EXPENDITURES.

School Supplies.....	20.00
Boarding Department.....	6.54
Salaries:	
William Simpson.....	\$650.00
Janitor Service.....	26.76
	<hr/> 676.76
Sundries, Diplomas, etc.....	92.10
	<hr/> \$795.40
Surplus.....	301.39
	<hr/> \$1096.79

## LAW DEPARTMENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Tuition.....	\$320.00
Board.....	448.00
Contributions.....	50.00
Old Accounts.....	25.00
	<hr/> 843.00
Deficit .....	314.42
	<hr/> \$1157.42

## EXPENDITURES.

School Supplies.....	15.73
Boarding Department.....	347.10
Salaries:	
E. A. Johnson.....	\$650.00
R. H. Battle.....	120.00
	<hr/> 770.00
Sundries.....	24.59
	<hr/> \$1157.42



## LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

## RECEIPTS.

Tuition.....	\$3011.78
Board .....	7781.35
Contributions.....	2009.38
Old Accounts.....	138.10
State Fund.....	1500.00
All other sources.....	6430.66
	<hr/> \$20871.27
Deficit.....	225.66
	<hr/> \$21096.93

## EXPENDITURES.

School Supplies.....	\$ 420.11
Boarding Department.....	9267.36
Repairs.....	3068.92
Special Improvements.....	2674.52
Students' Labor.....	291.41
Salaries:	
M. L. Hamilton.....	\$400.00
I. J. Brown.....	300.00
F. N. Walls.....	400.00
E. C. Pegues.....	400.00
Five Assistants.....	790.00
Other Employees.....	672.15
	<hr/> 2962.15
Gratuities in Money and Rebates.....	263.57
Sundries, Traveling Expenses, Printing, Diplomas, Stationery, etc.....	1975.84
Deficit of 1901-02.....	173.05
	<hr/> \$21096.93

## APPROPRIATIONS.

A. B. H. M. S.,.....	\$7450.00
Woman's Society, Chicago.....	680.00
	<hr/> \$8130.00

## EXPENDITURES.

Chas. F. Meserve.....	2000.00
N. F. Roberts.....	650.00
A. W. Pegues.....	800.00
M. D. Bowen.....	500.00
C. R. Frazer.....	400.00
J. L. Levisier.....	600.00
G. A. Edwards.....	800.00

Ida J. Brown, on account.....	300.00
Jennie M. Linton.....	350.00
Abbie L. Williams.....	450.00
Alice M. Emerson.....	200.00
Emily C. Ayer.....	400.00
Emma L. Miller.....	360.00
May C. Hamilton.....	320.00
	<hr/> \$8130.00

## SUMMARY.

## RECEIPTS.

Medical Department.....	\$ 9641.99
Pharmacy Department.....	1096.79
Law Department.....	843.00
Literary Department.....	17597.68
Appropriations for Salaries.....	8130.00
	<hr/> \$37309.46
Deficit .....	540.08
	<hr/> \$37849.54

## EXPENDITURES.

Medical Department.....	\$ 6669.79
Pharmacy Department.....	795.40
Law Department.....	1157.42
Literary Department.....	21096.93
Salaries from Appropriations.....	8130.00
	<hr/> \$37849.54

Fraternally submitted,

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*President.*